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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56(a), 1.97 and 1.98 et seq., Applicants submit herewith the attached Form PTO/1449. Applicants have submitted each of the references cited on pages 1-9 of attached Form PTO/1449 in parent application Serial No. 09/828,968. The Examiner is directed to the parent application for copies of the references cited in pages 1-9 of the enclosed Form PTO/1449. A copy of each document cited on pages 10-11 of Form PTO/1449 is submitted herewith. Should the Examiner still require copies of documents cited on pages 1-9 of Form PTO/1449, please let us know and we will provide a duplicate of those references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and enter all the documents cited on the enclosed Form PTO/1449 into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants also request an indication of the same by return of the Form PTO/1449 being initialed and dated by the Examiner.

No fees are believed due to ensure consideration of the attached documents by the Examiner. However, if any fees are required or an overpayment of fees made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as necessary.

Respectfully submitted. jay Pathate

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References cited in pages 10-11 of Form PTO/1449

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